



SCHOOL NEWS

CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Dear Cougar Families,

January 2021

Happy New Year! I want to take this opportunity to wish all our Canyon Ridge families a happy and healthy 2021. Each new year brings a sense of optimism and hope that goals will be accomplished, great memories created, and engaging learning opportunities experienced. It is our commitment to families that CRS staff will do our part to make 2021 extraordinary.

Before leaving for winter break, K-8 students either completed benchmark assessments or segment exams. Teachers have thoroughly analyzed and interpreted data and will use results to plan instruction for students. We are eager to see all of our students reach their academic goals during a very difficult school year. As always, please be sure to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about their progress.

Keeping students and staff safe from COVID-19 takes a commitment from our entire community. As a reminder, keep your child at home if he/she is sick or is awaiting a COVID-19 test result. When you send a sick child to school or are awaiting a test, it can result in multiple students being sent home for a 14 day quarantine. Remember that this is a low threshold for illness year which means that students displaying any of the [COVID-like symptoms](#) must stay home. We have to trust that families are not sending kids to school with a cough, sore throat or low-grade temp. Also, please keep your child home if anyone in your family is sick or is awaiting a COVID-19 test result. Our classrooms, high touch areas, and restrooms are sanitized throughout the day, student temperatures are being taken, and seating arrangements are consistent to reduce multiple contacts as much as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me - jill.hoppe@dysart.org.

It's important for students to arrive on time. To provide your child with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives when our doors open at 7:55 a.m. Our teachers start instruction at 8:15 a.m., and we would like students in their seats at that time. As a gentle reminder, the speed limit is 5 mph when driving in school parking lots, please follow the speed limit for the safety of all of our community.

This month we continue our journey using the 7 Habits. We are focusing on Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood. Communication is one of the most important skills in life. People spend years learning how to read and write, and years learning how to speak. We also want to emphasize listening because many people listen with the intent to reply, not to understand. We will work with students to practice listening to understand what the other person is saying and thus empathizing and connecting emotionally with others. Talk to your student about Habit 5 and look for evidence of full body listening.

As always, thank you all so much for your support and focus on excellence.

Have a YES! kind of month,

Jill Hoppe,
Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 4 Back to School after Winter Break, Monday early dismissal at 1:00pm

Jan. 7 NEHS Monthly Meeting; Outdoor Classroom at 7:15am

Jan. 8 Student Council meeting; Outdoor Classroom at 7:30am

Jan. 13 Dysart Governing Board Meeting; Held Virtually at 6:00pm

Jan. 18 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr Day

Jan. 19 Kona Ice Sales After School

PTA General Membership Meeting and Canyon University; 5:30 p.m.
<https://meet.google.com/jwo-eeap-dpw?hs=122&authuser=0>

Jan. 20 PTA Restaurant Fundraiser Night; Sonic Drive-In, Cotton & Greenway, 5:00-8:00pm

Jan. 22 American Heart Assoc Jump Rope Fundraiser

Jan. 27 Dysart Governing Board Meeting; Held Virtually at 6:00pm

Jan. 28 Virtual Talent Show, 6:00-7:30pm - Details to follow

Attendance Reminder

The Attendance Line - 623-523-8453 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you know your child will be absent or late, please remember to call the Attendance Line by 9:00am on the day of the absence. Please always contact the Attendance Line even if you have spoken with your child's teacher. Thank you.